

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, please amend "Description of the Prior Art" as follows:

a Reclosable plastic bags are growing increasingly popular both for storage purposes and as primary packaging for cheese and various other food stuffs and other products. Such bags are formed with plastic zipper having profiles with mating interengageable elements. Where the bag is to be used as primary packaging for foods, it is often necessary to seal the product hermetically. While zipper elements can provide a secure closure, they cannot provide a hermetic closure. Accordingly, a separate hermetic seal is necessary. Even where a hermetic seal is not required, it is common-place to provide a separate, one-time seal on reclosable packaging for foods and other products that provides evidence of tampering. That is, the consumer looks to the unopened seal as evidence that the package has not been tampered with.

At page 3, under "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment," please amend the first paragraph as follows:

a 2 Reference is now made to the drawings and to Fig. 1 in particular wherein a reclosable plastic bag 10 is depicted comprising front and rear walls 12, 14, a bottom 16, top 18 and sides 20, 22. A zipper 24 extends across the bag top from side to side. A slider 26 can be provided on the profiles of the zipper to facilitate opening and closing the interengaging elements of the profiles. Within the bag 10 there is provided a tamper evident seal 28 that may also provide a hermetic seal. Seal 28 is such that the once opened, it can not be resealed, thereby providing evidence to a consumer if the bag had previously been opened. Seal 28 may comprise a peel seal 30 (as shown in Fig. 2) or a frangible seal 32 (as shown in Fig. 3). The frangible seal 32 may comprise a capped line of perforations as disclosed and described in U.S. patent 5,023,122.